Washington Whisperings

Interesting Bits of News Gathered

Popular Misconception of the Cloakroom



WASHINGTON. - Every now then there's a paragraph in a local paper, or perhaps in a dispatch sent out from here, that has to do with things political, mention of "cloakroom gossip" at the capitol. To the truth, it is doubtful whether half a truth, it is doubtful whether half a dozen people, outside of those who live in Washington or who have been here in a more or less intimate capacity at one time or another, know what the capitol cloakrooms are like. In fact, from a remark innocently dropped by a friend of mine from Egypt, Ill., once upon a time-and who may be taken as fairly representative at least of several million ordinarily intelligent folks—I'm quite sure they haven't an idea.

"I never could understand," said this simple-minded person, apropos of a comment of mine on some cloakroom brilliancy, "how it was this great government couldn't provide something better than cloakrooms for senators and representatives to use when they are not working, but have to be there

just the same."

I have no doubt that this modern Egyptian had pictured in his mind's eye a cloakroom all cluttered up with assorted garments in even the best of weather, and made uninhabitable soggy, mud-splattered goloshes and dank, smelly raincoats on wet days-as the only place to which patriotic but pestered statesmen might resort when fagged or in need of a smoke.

The reality is so different, as most of us who live here are well aware, for the Republican and Democratic cloakrooms of the house, for instance, are furnished with such attention to solld comfort-not to speak of luxury -as to make the lounging room of the ordinary club look like a parlor in Thrums by comparison. There's a scrumptiously thick carpet, a perfect flock of astonishingly comfortable chairs and half a dozen leather-covered davenports of remarkably form-fitting qualities.

It is in the cloak-room that the leg-Islative back nabends and the brow unwrinkles. Atlas, having a tem porary respite, unstraps his world burden, dumps it in the nearest corner, slaps brother Atlas on the back and borrows a cigar. Relieved from a pose that is oftentimes physical as well as mental, Atlas be comes human.

Adulteration of Seeds to Be Stopped



THERE will be no more mixing of cheap, inferior or old seeds in the packages which will be sold by dealers after Representative Mann's bill for the purchaser to tell the true charbecomes a law. The measure is to prevent the misbranding and adulteration of seeds, and it has been favorably acted upon by the house com-mittee on interstate and foreign commerce. The prospects for the passage of the bill are good.

Some interesting statements are made in the report on the bill, which severe upon those who misbrand or has been presented to the house. It adulterate seeds. A fine of \$200 is proasserts that "the frightful extent to vided for the first offense, \$300 for the which the adulteration of seeds has second offense, and imprisonment for grown in our country is a menace to one year, or both.

the interests of the farmer, gardener, horticulturist and honest seedsman. The United States has become the dumping ground for the poor seed of the world, which can be and is used by unscrupulous dealers for adulteration purposes. Seed that is held over until the germ is dead and the vital force is entirely gone, is mixed with fresh seed of the same kind. The mixed article is sold as fresh seed. In buying seed it is usually impossible acter or quality of the seed. It is impossible for the ordinary purchaser to see any difference in appearance be-tween turnip seed worth 40 cents a pound, cabbage seed worth \$2 a pound, and cauliflower seed worth \$40 a pound.

The bill prepared by Mr. Mann is

Truants Worry of "Uncle Joe" Cannon



SPEAKER CANNON and other leaders in the horse are concerned over the growing practice of representatives in being away from the chamber during the consideration of been difficult to keep the members out what was going on except by

This is due to the fact that the lions of dollars and containing fine quarters for every member. In the seclusion of the office building a memsponsibility other than to cast his vote lable uttered on the house floor.

when a signal for him to do so is given spends his time sending out seeds and writing to the folks back home.

If present plans are carried out another excuse for members who are not disposed to attend the daily proceedings will be provided. What Representative Tawney of Minnesota calls "plot" to retard business in house is in process of being hatched.

When the office building was completed members made complaint that they were so far removed from the Important business. It always has chamber they had no way of finding present during the daily sessions, but means of a telephone. This was unsatabsenteelsm has become a positive infactory. It was then suggested that a ticker, such as is used in trans mitting stock quotations, be installed, house now owns a large office build-ing, put up at a cost of several mil-the house officials discovered a device that it is believed will fill the bill. If put into use this device will communicate over the wires to rooms in the ber who is not burdened with any re- office building every sound and syl-

Women Involved in the Hill Imbroglio



LTHOUGH the Hill affair is ap parently settled it is still the paramount subject of gossip in diplomatic society circles. Two theories are advanced to explain the opposition to Dr. Hill as American ambassador to Berlin, and both have to do with women and high society.

In some quarters wise ones profess to have seen in the entire affair the desire of Mrs. Charlemagne Tower to ton social enemies made then, she de continue in the German capital, where clared, are striving now to accomcontinue in the German capital, where clared, are striving now to accompaign. She is an especial favorite of the emperor, and is welcomed in court circles. For this reason, it was pointed out, a clever woman would find it an easy matter to have a hint dropped that a continuation of Ambassador embassies in Berlia.

Tower's term would please every one concerned. The trouble consisted in the hint's being dropped in the wrong

Another supposition that seems tenable is that hinted at by a former Washington society woman, now a resident of Paris. She intimated that social, not political, enemies were re-sponsible for the supposed turndown. She is thoroughly conversant with the secret diplomatic history of Europe, and asserted emphatically that the whole imbroglio was social.

According to this authority, there has been strong feeling in the diplomatic set against Mrs. Hill eyer since she became the wife of the then as sistant secretary of state. Washing

SPRING KIDNEY TROUBLE;

Vividly Described by One Who Has Suffered from It.

Mrs. H. Mutzabaugh, of Duncannon Pa, says: "I was sick and miserable all last Spring and as I was the matter I kept going down and down until J was a physical wreck. I had smothering spells, flashes of heat over the kid-

neys and pain in passing the kidney secretions, which contained sediment. My husband urged me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and at last I did so. They did me much good, and I used in all eight boxes which restored me to per-

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STUDY NOT A NECESSITY.

End and Alm of Woman's Life, as Understood by Rosie's Mother.

In one of the Philadelphia public schools is a little girl pupil whose ancestors and coreligionists have ever held that the principal end and aim of the life of a woman is marriage. This little girl is well up in most of her studies, but she has an inveterate dislike of geography and it seems impossible to teach the study to her. The other day her teacher, made impatient by her seeming unwillingness to learn her geography lesson, sent to Rosie's mother a note requesting her to see that the girl studied her lesson. The next day showed no improvement, however, and the teacher asked Rosio whether she had delivered the note.

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply.
"And did your mother read the note, Rosle," said the teacher. "Yes, ma'm."

"What did she say?"

"My mother said that she didn't know geography, an' she got married, an' my aunt didn't know geography, an' she got married, an' you know geography, an' you didn't get mar-ried."

THE MEAN MAN.



"I believe," his wife angrily de-"that if I were dead you would be married again inside of a

"Oh, no," the mean man replied, "you are mistaken. Try me and I'll prove it."

A Counter Stroke.

A stylishly-dressed woman entered Chinese laundry and paid for a laundered shirt.

"Why do you wear those 'rats,' I think you call them, in your hair?" inquired the Chinaman, who had an inquisitive turn of mind.

"Tush, Mr. John," replied his customer. "I always thought it was Chinese ctiquette not to talk about the things they like best.'

The Oriental blinked his eyes as the lady passed out.

LOST \$300.

Buying Medicine When Right Food Was Needed.

Money spent for "tonics" and "bracto relieve indigestion, while the poor old stomach is loaded with pastry and pork, is worse than losing a

pocketbook containing the money.

If the money only is lost it's bad enough, but with lost health from wrong eating, it is hard to make the money back.

A Mich. young lady lost money on drugs but is thankful she found a way to get back her health by proper food. She writes:

"I had been a victin of nervous dyspepsia for six years and spent three hundred dollars for treatment in the attempt to get well. None of it did me any good.

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Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Well-ville," in page. "There's a Reason."

MADE HIS MEANING CLEAR.

Professor's Son Translated Father's Speech Into the Vernacular.

A college professor, in company with his son, was enjoying a walk in the country, when he met an old farmer. It had been a very wet season, and the professor, thinking to start the conversation in a way that would prove interesting to the farmer, remarked:

"There has been a rather abnormal precipitation of late."

The farmer seemed somewhat embarrassed, and the professor's son, who used a different vernacular, though he was a student in the college to which his father was attached, attempted to straighten out the matter. Drawing the farmer to one side, he

said in a superior way: "The governor means that we've been having a devil of a lot of rain." —Harper's Weekly.

GIRL WAS DELIRIOUS

With Fearful Eczema-Pain, Heat and Tingling Were Excruciating— Cuticura Acted Like Magic.

"An eruption broke out on my daughter's chest. I took her to a doctor, and he pronounced it to be eczema of a very bad form. He treated her, but the disease spread to her back. and then the whole of her head was affected, and all her hair had to be cut off. The pain she suffered was excru-ciating, and with that and the heat and tingling her life was almost unbearable. Occasionally she was delirious and she did not have a proper hour's sleep for many nights. The second doctor we tried afforded her just as little relief as the first. Then I purchased Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills, and before the Ointment was three-quarters finished every trace of the disease was gone. It really seemed like magic. Mrs. T. W. Hyde, Brentwood, Essex, England, Mar. 8, 1907."

The Wrong Tense.

Dorothea's father was sitting before window in his country house with Dorothea on his knees. He was looking across the fields with unseeing eyes, when the lassle broke in on his reverie with, "What are you looking at, papa?"

"I was looking into the future, my dear."

"The future, papa! I thought it was into the pasture!"-Harper's Weekly.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Gladstone's Thrift.

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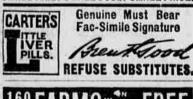
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